

CONFIDENTIAL

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
C.I.G. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.
LENGTH OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

1. There is hereby established a policy of requiring individuals who are assigned to overseas duty to remain overseas a minimum of twenty-four months. This means that if an employee wishes to return at an earlier date he must pay his own passage and will receive no travel allowances. After twenty-four months, the employee may request return at Government expense with the regular travel allowances, but such return would be for separation, not for leave or other personal reasons. This policy will be stated as a provision in the letter of appointment issued by CIG to the employee.

2. Experience has shown that in intelligence work all personnel who stay overseas for too long a period pass the point of greatest efficiency and lessen in useful productivity due to lack of contact with domestic problems and customers, and lack of knowledge of new techniques, methods and procedures. It has been administratively determined in accordance with this experience that no employee should be continuously overseas for a period of more than thirty months, and that it is necessary to an efficient and adaptable service to re-train and re-orient all employees after the passage of some twenty-four to thirty months overseas. Accordingly, branch chiefs will maintain records of the period for which employees under their control have been outside of the United States and, on the expiration of twenty-four months, will take the proper steps for returning each employee for specific re-training and re-orientation. On completion of such a training program, the employee may take leave in accordance with existing Government regulations. On completion of leave, the employee may require additional training or may be assigned immediately to an overseas post on the condition that a further minimum period of twenty-four months duty overseas will be served.

3. It will be the duty of the branch chief, in consultation with the other officers concerned, to determine whether return for training will be on temporary duty or permanent change of station, to determine the course of training necessary, and to establish that the travel involved is necessary in the best interests of the Government. Requests from overseas for return of individuals will be considered only in connection with separation or travel at the individual's expense.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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